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Subject: Haystack No. 1 AUM Site, McKinley County, New Mexico - Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (CERCLA Dockets No. 09-2017-02 and 06-02-17)
Attachments: 2017-07-27_Haystack No. 1 AUM Biological Evaluation.pdf

Good afternoon Trais,

I am following up to my phone call from a few weeks ago. As I mentioned when we spoke, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC, effective on May 15, 2017) for BNSF's Haystack No. 1 AUM Site, located in McKinley County, New Mexico (the site). Arcadis is the environmental consultant for BNSF on this project.

The AOC's main objective is Time Critical Removal Action of soil containing naturally occurring radioactive material at different portions of the site. One of the requirements of the AOC prior to commencement of soil excavation and removal activities is the completion of a biological resources evaluation in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Navajo Natural Heritage Program (NNHP), and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMGF). Arcadis has made inquiries into and obtained biological resources information from the three aforementioned agencies and summarized the results of these inquiries in the attached report. Arcadis has also contacted the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to determine if they had any additional requirements or concerns related to biological resources. BLM advised that they did not. On Monday July 17, 2017, the U.S. EPA requested that we also notify and coordinate this project with the State of New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT). I am sending you the attached Biological Evaluation Report to satisfy this requirement.

Please keep me posted if you have any questions or comments or would require additional information.

Regards,

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